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The case of Judge Ballenger

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by Elton Manzione

Syntric - the word sounds a bit mysterious, perhaps conjuring visions of clandestine operations and secret experiments. If you ask about Syntric in Oconee County that impression is fortified. Responses range from knowing smiles to questioning looks and feigned indifference.

But in reality Syntric was not the code-word for a clandestine CIA operation or a secret mutation experiment. Syntric was just another of the hundreds of textile mills which dot the South Carolina countryside. Syntric did however have one thing which separated it from other textile mills. Syntric had William Howard Ballenger.

William Howard Ballenger is Oconee County's success story. Returning home a war hero, Ballenger launched a successful political career spanning more than 20 years. Ballenger has successfully campaigned for and held offices as diverse as assistant solicitor, circuit solicitor, county attorney, city recorder and State senator. Last August Ballenger was among eleven persons named to the newly created circuit court judgeships.

At the time of his election to a circuit judgeship by the General Assembly, Ballenger and his partners in Syntric were entangled in a number of lawsuits brought by Syntric's creditors, and in a series of judgements obtained against Syntric, including several obtained by the S.C. Tax Commission and the S.C. Employment Security Commission.

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In 1969 Ballenger and two other prominent Oconeeans, Jack L. Hunt and Dr. Henry Kuemmerer, banded together to form BHK Inc. - a real estate venture.

Hunt is the current publisher of the Westminster News and Keowee Courier, two of Oconee County's three local

newspapers. Kuemmerer is a Westminster physician and a member of the county school board.

In 1971 the three filed application with the Secretary of State to change the name of BHK to Syntric, Inc. and to amend the corporate purposes to include textile manufacturing. The application also included increasing the capital of the corporation from \$16,500 to \$100,000.

Syntric built a \$350,000 knitting plant on the outskirts of Walhalla and equipped it with more than a dozen of what were reputed to be the best knitting machines in the world. Orders for Syntric's double knit fabrics began pouring into the plant.

"It was a very fancy plant. A good efficient plant and we were making money," Andreas Greuter, a vice-president of the corporation said.

Greuter, a native of Switzerland, displays an almost youthful animation when he speaks of the early days of Syntric's operation. It was Greuter's job to develop fabrics for market and to oversee the production operation of the plant.

"We developed good fabrics - easy ones to produce and they sold well. We had orders when no one else did," Greuter said.

Good times continued for nearly two years for the fledgling company. Syntric grew and prospered. But the prosperity didn't last.

When Andreas Greuter talks about the bad times he is less animated, more thoughtful, as if straining for some insight into the circumstances and actions of the period.

"A lot of people involved made mistakes. There were some financial moves which were very bad," Greuter said.

One of the moves which Greuter says he opposed was Syntric's purchase of a "guest house."

The guest house was an old farmhouse a few hundred yards from the plant which the company bought and refurbished. "I suppose they saw it as an investment; a way to attract

customers and entertain potential buyers," Greuter said.

Another move which Greuter says he opposed was Syntric's July 1973 purchase of a failing Spartanburg textile firm - Redland Industries. The notion behind the move, according to sources knowledgeable about Syntric's operation, was to increase the capacity of the Syntric plant.

Lock, stock and barrel Redland Industries was packed up and shipped, by truck, to the Syntric plant. Along with the equipment and stock went Redland's president, Rudy Bollinger, and most of its employees.

"It was a move which really hurt us. We had doubled the production capacity but our output increased by only 10 percent," Greuter said.



Ballenger

In the early months of 1974 the handwriting was on the wall for Syntric. During a February stockholder's meeting, company officials informed investors the operation was in deep financial trouble.

By the following month suits began to be filed against the corporation for non-payment of bills and debts. In July, under a court order, Oconee County Sheriff Myron Green sold, at auction, all of the company's knitting machines and Syntric closed its doors.

Just why Syntric folded is a question to some, and an inevitability to others.

"I think the merger with Redland hurt us a great deal," Greuter said, "Syntric bought their debts which was very crazy I thought." Greuter insisted he opposed the merger from the beginning.

"When you are trying to get a new company on its feet you don't get over-extended. That merger stretched us thin. We became over-extended on payroll, expenses and commitments. I fought it and I lost."

Another employee thought pressure for the merger had been brought to bear from the outside.

"Meyer Textile Machinery Company held notes on both Syntric's and Redland's machines. I think when they saw the companies were in trouble they

proposed the merger. I guess they thought they could get one good company out of two bad ones," the employee said.

Other insiders said they thought Syntric's failure was due to the fact the company was under-capitalized. And others feel it was due to the elaborate spending habits of the company's principals.

When questioned by Osceola, regarding Syntric's financial dealings, Greuter sheepishly admitted he had been kept pretty much in the dark in that area; despite the fact he was a vice-president and heavy investor.

"I guess I should've looked a little closer at that aspect," Greuter said.

Greuter noted, during its entire period of operation, Syntric never presented an audited financial statement to its officers and stockholders.

"Now that you mention it I would like to know if it was clean - or not."

But it was not Syntric's failure itself, but actions immediately before and after it, which raise some serious questions.

Just prior to Syntric's merger with Redland, James H. Burgess, a man with long years of textile experience who had been brought into head up Syntric, began another textile operation - Gregory Mills, Inc.

Burgess, along with his son, Ballenger and Hunt, established this second corporation, just as Syntric was beginning to flounder, in a warehouse just a stone's throw from the Syntric plant. The proximity of the two operations was to be visible testimony to their close ties.

"They bought up a bunch of old looms - in very bad shape - and had them rebuilt by Syntric's mechanic - Jerry Miller," a former production supervisor said. The same supervisor alleged Miller's salary and the cost of rebuilding the machines was borne by Syntric funds. In fact one employee said Gregory's workers were actually listed on the Syntric payroll - a payroll already described as "over-extended" by a principal officer of the company.

"I do know, at that point, Syntric had a lot of people on the payroll," Greuter said when asked if Syntric was actually paying Gregory's payroll.

"I really believe they started Gregory when they saw Syntric was failing. I guess to keep all their eggs from being in one basket," a former employee said.

Greuter alleged more than eggs were being transferred between the two companies during Syntric's waning days.

"It was really incredible. We had an adding machine - it was Gregory's. We had a copier - it was Gregory's. Suddenly everything was Gregory's," Greuter said.

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Prurient obsessions

This week's column is about sex. If that turns you off, then please skip to the next page. But if Tom Snyder can talk about fellatio and cunnilingus on NBC, viewed locally on Channel 10; and if Geraldo Rivera can talk about female and male masturbation on ABC, seen locally on Channel 25, then I can discuss sex in Osceola, by damn.

The bestselling **Hite Report** on female sexuality finds that most women don't particularly enjoy, at least not to the point of orgasm, the rather boring sort of by-the-numbers, quickie, woman-on-her-back-and-man-on-top sex which we're taught is the only "normal" position engaged in by good, clean, Christian folks. The **Hite Report** shows that most women prefer masturbation to that sort of "normal" sex, and this discovery has been liberating for millions of women who had secretly thought themselves abnormal because they didn't get off on the clumsy perfunctories of an oafish lover.

But there's a more interesting report, done by a researcher named Sara Kahn of Chicago. Hers is more scientific than Susan Hite's, and the results are more interesting. The ancient art of cunnilingus (for those who never took Latin, the "cunni-" refers to the female genitalia and the "lingus" refers to the tongue) is what women rated highest among all sexual delights. And their favorite position for intercourse is the man-on-his-back-women-sitting-upright position, a position that offers the best anatomical fit; gives the woman complete freedom; allows her clitoris to be stimulated; allows a man to keep going for an hour (gravity is in his favor); and is great fun.

Now cunnilingus is an ancient art, and in fact the Museum of Naples has a famed statue of a cunnilinguent satyr in the Museum's Roman Antiquities section. The act, quite simply, consists in the soft and gentle application of the tongue's caress to the sweet and delicate intimacies of the female vagina. Yes, cunnilingus offers a near to mystical intimacy with the very seat of birth and life and love. Think of all the wars fought, all the lives lost and fortunes squandered to gain the privileges of a woman's mews!

"...As a corollary, the revolution will never be complete until society admits of the fact that sex cannot be good unless both partners are totally free to enjoy it..."

Once you've tried it, especially with a woman you love, you will likely find cunnilingus an inexplicably heavenly divertissement. Yet there are many men who've never tried it, and some who even think it abhorrent. For the vagina, they will aver, is not always so sweet. True, of course; being warm, dark and moist, it is the perfect habitat for bacteria. But bacteria surround us. Many kinds are harmless, and some are necessary. And I always recall what a chemistry professor told us one day my freshman year at The Citadel more than a decade ago. He said there are more germs on the surface of the face than are on the surface of the female vagina. Science speaks!

I make these remarks with no prurient intent, and those who will find them prurient, or perverted, or even "nasty," must of necessity have an unhealthy attitude towards sex. Which is not too uncommon in the regions of the Bible Belt. In these regions, too many people cling to the vestiges of a Puritan ethic which confuses the nature of goodness. To me, goodness consists in the kind and compassionate treatment of all fellow creatures of this earth, and in the unfailing adherence to standards which describe such treatment. But some others, in a manner inexplicable by any logic, see goodness only as abstinence from pleasure, as if virtue resided only in aridity. They will tell you that God created the earth in His knowledge, but then they contradict themselves and suggest that He did not invent sex. No, it was Beelzebub. But this mythology merely traces back in time, to past ages when fear was the only effective birth control. No doctrine in the history of the world has created more needless guilt, nor brought more unhappiness to more centuries of men and women, than this one.

It's fashionable to speak of a sexual revolution in this country. And the revolution will never be consummated until we are finished with our prurient obsession, evidenced as much in idiot antics of anti-smut prosecuting attorneys as in the puerilities of the leering Playboy Man and his ilk. The revolution will only be done when we at last can accept sex like the French tend to, as a wholly natural, wholly normal, wholly enjoyable part of life, neither to be repressed in layers of banal guilt, nor to be taken overly seriously.

As a corollary, the revolution will never be complete until society admits of the fact that sex cannot be good unless both partners are totally free to enjoy it. Too many men, especially Southern men, treat sex as an act of aggression. Why, they would never think of allowing the women on top. They must take their selfish pleasure, such is the weakness of their ego, in a dominating position. Too many women are even still inculcated with the perverse notion that upon the wedding night, and not before, they will at once become all skilled in the arts of love. If this is what they believe, they are doomed to an unhappy sex life. Well, it's true that few women are virgins anymore till the day they're married. But if such women exist, they mostly exist here in the

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cheap shots

Mann's way out

A month or so ago, Fourth District Congressman James R. Mann put a damper on publicity surrounding a report in the Washington Post that he had used his Congressional office and privileges to help out a business partner when Mann announced he would ask the House Ethics Committee to investigate the matter.

But Mann now says he's changed his mind about that—he thinks maybe it would be selfish of him to undergo an ethics investigation.

The Washington Post story revealed that Mann had provided a number of services through his Congressional office to Greenville Ben Gause and his U.S. Coin Company, allegedly in violation of House rules. Mann loaned Gause \$38,000 in 1974 to help start the company; over the next two-and-a-half years, Mann and his staff did favors for Gause which Mann later claimed he would have done for any constituent: among other things, they affixed postage stamps to \$30,000 worth of \$2 bills during office hours; they used House facilities and equipment to package coins for shipment to South Carolina, and they ordered thousands of dollars worth of coins and bills from the office of the House sergeant-at-arms when Gause's company had trouble getting them elsewhere.

The Washington Post also reported Mann and his staff helped Gause establish a mailing address in Washington and "delivered to him mailbags of checks" sent to the address in response to national ads for bicentennial coins and bills. The ads were later judged by postal authorities to contain false representation, and Gause has since been tried and convicted of postal violations.

Although the Post documented that Mann was in bad financial condition during the time he provided the "services" to Gause, Mann told Post reporter Rudy Maxa he was not trying to protect his investment, but was simply helping out a constituent. "I had no more concern about my money than the man in the moon," the Congressman said.

Several days after the story appeared in the Post, Mann announced that he was so sure of vindication he would personally request that the House Ethics Committee investigate the matter. But this week Mann told Greenville News reporter Tom Mason that "a substantial public and press reaction to my plan" caused him to reconsider his plan to request an investigation, and that he has now decided that "perhaps I was proceeding selfishly, confident of vindication, and that what was really needed was an objective effort to develop more definitive guidelines for all members of Congress in such matters as staff use and constituency service."

Mann's statements about "public and press reaction," according to Mason, referred to a March 12 Greenville News editorial which said in part, "Any investigation of Mr. Mann's case will be entirely out of perspective unless it includes the entire House membership."

A single editorial in the Greenville News—whether or not you agree with what we think is its rather shaky logic—is hardly indicative of a great outpouring of public sentiment against Mann requesting an investigation. And Mann's analysis of the situation was somewhat contradicted by Rep. Floyd Spence, the ranking Republican on the

House Ethics Committee, who told Mason "some significant citizen reaction" (in Mason's words) had been felt on the committee. "When your story appears and people realize Mann isn't pressing for the investigation," Spence told Mason, "whatever pressure has been holding back may be felt."

Let's hope so. As we stated in the March 4 issue of Osceola, Mann's statements that he was simply helping out a constituent are transparent and absurd and suggest a cynical contempt for the public. The statement by the Congressman that he has called off the planned investigation because it would be "selfish" is further evidence of his high opinion of the public's ability to stomach political abuse.

Canning the bottle bill

The Bottle Bill, which provides for a five-cent deposit on all beverage cans and bottles, was reported out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee by a unanimous vote two weeks ago. But the bill faces strong opposition in the House and perhaps even more serious opposition in the Senate. A similar bill died in committee last year after beverage distributors and container manufacturers mounted an extensive—and expensive—"grassroots" campaign to kill it.

This year environmentalists supporting the bill decided to devote their full attention to the measure. Since January mail campaigns and petition drives have been underway around the state to drum up support for the legislation, which proponents say will reduce roadside litter significantly and result in energy and natural resources conservation.

Debate on the bill in the House has been adjourned until April 21. The bill's supporters are cautiously optimistic at best. "I don't think we have the votes on the floor right now," one said this week. "It really depends on what is said on the floor, and perhaps more importantly, how much constituent pressure develops between now and then—and how much has developed in the last month or so."

The prospects for the bill's final passage this legislative session are mediocre. Supporters will consider it a victory if the bill passes the House, but believe Senate passage is unlikely unless constituent pressure is tremendous.

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Jim Anders goes to Washington:

by Brad Stinson

Jim Anders may well be the least liked politician in Democratic party circles in South Carolina, if you believe even half of the rumors that have circulated since the Richland County circuit solicitor was named to the Executive Finance Council of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) back in March.

Essentially what happened, according to the rumors and other information, is that Anders was invited to come to Washington back on March 16th to meet with members of the DNC and to have lunch at the White House, where he would have an opportunity to meet with some of the Carter bigwigs. Anders was sponsored on the Washington trip by Dr. Wallace Hyde of Asheville, N.C. who is the southeastern coordinator of the DNC and whose job it is to find persons willing to raise \$50,000 for the national committee and Anders was one of the people he sponsored for that function. Hyde was an early backer of the Carter presidency and is said to have raised several million dollars for

Carter's successful bid to the White House.

Anders was wined and dined in the Washington setting, met at least briefly with Carter aide Hamilton Jordan and others and managed to have his picture taken with Walter Mondale before the day was over. Most importantly, he was appointed to the Executive Finance Council of the DNC because of Hyde's recommendation and his own pledge to raise \$50,000 for the DNC.

A distinction should be made here: there are two DNC finance councils; one is the regular Finance Council which consists of 1000 persons who pledge \$5,000 to the DNC; the second is the Executive Finance Council, whose 100 members promise to find ten or more people to contribute \$5,000 or, in other words, pledge to raise \$50,000.

When Anders returned to Columbia after the Washington trip, member of Anders' staff was sitting in his office talking about the appointment and was overheard by a staff reporter for the State newspaper, Holly Gatling, who afterwards contacted Anders. Now

either Anders exaggerated the importance of the appointment, or Holly Gatling misinterpreted what Anders actually said, or Anders was misled by the DNC. In any case, Gatling wrote a story in which she quoted Anders as having said that, one, he had met with Vice President Walter Mondale to discuss "the financial situation of the Democrats and the plan of action for the southern states," two, that he would "be able to make recommendations for disbursement of funds for congressional and Senatorial races" in South Carolina, and three, that he would return to Washington in about a month to discuss finances with President Carter.

Around the same time Gatling wrote her story, she contacted the State newspaper's Washington correspondent, Lee Bandy, to ask what he knew about Anders' trip. Bandy told Osceola last week that he was suspicious of the story because he couldn't believe that Anders would be given such an important position without the "so-called Democratic establishment in South Carolina" being consulted first. "I know what the Democratic delegation up here thinks of Anders," Bandy said, "and if they (the DNC) checked with the delegation beforehand, I know what they would say about Anders: 'Don't you give that to Anders.' It's well known that Anders is not a favorite among the delegation, and I'm not to sure the Don Fowlers or the Bob McNairs would like this too much either."

Bandy said he then began doing some checking of his own, but by that time, found that the phone in DNC Treasury Joel McCleary's office had been ringing off the hook with calls from state party leaders in South Carolina concerned about the Gatling story. Bandy was told, as were concerned members of the local party, that Anders had apparently exaggerated the importance of the position. Bandy's story, which appeared in the March 27th issue of the State, quotes McCleary as having told one of the irate callers, state party chairman Don Fowler, that the appointment was "no big deal."

Spokespersons, who Bandy said had the authority to speak for McCleary, told Bandy that the only meeting Anders had with Mondale was when Anders and 75 to 100 other Democrats attended a luncheon at which Mondale spoke. The spokesperson added that the appointment Anders received was available to anyone who was willing to contribute \$5,000, described Anders' statement that he would have control of congressional funds in South Carolina as "absurd, total fabrication," and said Anders' claim that he would return to Washington to discuss finances with President Carter "was a figment of Mr. Anders' imagination."

"They didn't deny that Anders was on the finance council," Bandy said, "but what they tried to do was to play it down, to make it look like it was no big deal. I assume it was to smooth the ruffled feathers of the Don Fowlers and



Anders

the Bob McNairs."

When the Bandy story broke, Anders, to put it mildly, looked rather foolish. Anders then got in touch with Wallace Hyde, who told him to sit tight, that he would straighten it out. Afterwards Hyde contacted McCleary in Washington to find out what was going on and, according to Hyde, was told that there had been some problems with the state party people but that the DNC would issue a statement by April 6th.

By this time rumors were circulating in several quarters that Anders' appointment was being blocked by state party leaders as well as by the South Carolina delegation in Washington. No one seemed to know exactly why there was resentment over the Anders appointment, but several people speculated that it was because Anders was politically unpopular and was viewed as a "maverick" among state party people.

Don Fowler, who was said to have been assured by McCleary that the Anders' appointment was "no big deal," denied last week that he was upset by the Anders' appointment, saying his only concern was that party rules had not been followed because members of the state party had not been contacted about the appointment in advance. "I'm not terribly sensitive about that," Fowler said, "and I certainly wouldn't block anyone, but I would like to know who is getting appointed just for my information and so that I can make whatever political hay out of it I can in South Carolina."

Fowler said he was especially upset by
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"...We think attraction signs and marquees are as American as apple pie..." --Marion Biggs, district manager of ABC Southeastern theatres to a Columbia city council hearing on proposed sign ordinances.

"...I more or less volunteered..." --Sixth District Congressman John W. Jenrette explaining why he will testify before a federal grand jury April 20 on matters related to his involvement in the North Myrtle Beach land development, Heritage Shores.

"...he was afraid of the roaches..." --Dr. W.W. Vallotton, head of MUSC's ophthalmology department, explaining why former House Speaker Solomon Blatt didn't want to go to the medical university hospital for treatment.

"He's talking about spilling the beans on something, not a real bomb." -- unidentified police officer commenting on convicted murderer Pee Wee Gaskin's announcement that he would "drop a bomb" at a preliminary hearing in the Silas B. Yates murder case.

"I said before that I was 'sick and tired of hearing constitutional rights.' I mean that I am tired of hearing adults calling for constitutional rights." --Rep. Jarvis R. Klapman, R-Lexington, clarifying his earlier statements regarding the need for an anti-obscenity bill in South Carolina.

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the State newspaper story that said Anders would control congressional purse strings in South Carolina because he knew that wasn't true, but insisted he had no qualms about Anders being named to the position. "That's why I called McCleary and talked to him in very strong terms, but my objection had nothing to do with Anders as an individual in any way, shape or form," Fowler said.

Fowler said his understanding was that anyone who contributed \$5,000 could receive the same appointment and that he believed the whole thing had been exaggerated. "If you really want to know what I think," Fowler added, "it's that there was probably some buttering up, up there (in Washington) which might have been misinterpreted (by Anders) and there might have been a little adding to the buttering up (by Anders) down here."

When Anders was first contacted about the Bandy story last week, he declined to comment on it, referring inquiries on the matter to Wallace Hyde, as Hyde had instructed him to do. Hyde explained last week when contacted that there had been some confusion over the appointment which he hoped would be cleared up by a statement from the DNC which he expected then by April

6th. Hyde believed the problems had been precipitated over confusion about which council Anders had been named to. He said some people thought Anders had been appointed to the regular Finance Council when he actually had been appointed to the more prestigious Executive Finance Council. "The 100 members of the Executive Finance Council," he said, "will raise \$50,000 by finding ten or more people to give \$5,000 each. That's where they are confused on that point. Jim is at the top echelon—he will serve as national director for South Carolina."

Hyde said the confusion over the Mondale meeting was a result of there being several meetings held at around the same time Anders was there. He said the meeting of 75 to 100 Democrats described in Bandy's story was not the one attended by Anders. He said there was no specific meeting with the vice president, rather that Anders had been given the standard White House tour where he met Mondale while the vice president was having his picture made with some contributors from Florida. He also said that the confusion over the idea that Anders would have control over congressional funds for South Carolina was most probably the result of a question asked at the meeting with the DNC, attended by Anders, about

whether potential contributors would be able to designate portions of their \$5,000 contributions to specific congressional races. The bit about the meeting with Carter, Hyde explained, would just be a meeting where several new members of the Executive Finance Council would meet briefly with Carter for some thank-yous and words of encouragement. He said anybody ought to realize that no one is going to sit down with Carter and discuss minute details.

Osceola attempted several times during the first and middle of last week to reach McCleary, but none of the calls were returned. April 6th passed and no statement came out of Washington. Anders was reportedly becoming a little concerned about whether a statement was to be forthcoming. As an Anders staff person put it: "We're getting screwed on this thing."

Osceola finally reached McCleary on Friday of last week. In the meantime two sources reported that U.S. Senator "Fritz" Hollings had intervened in the matter and had, according to rumors, instructed McCleary to let the Anders thing stay right where it was, with Anders looking like a chump. McCleary denied that he had been contacted at all by Hollings and said he had no knowledge of Hollings having contacted anyone in the Finance

Committee office. He opted not to comment on the matter saying that he preferred to wait until this week when they "could make a clean story of it." McCleary did stay on the line long enough to explain the distinction between the Finance Council and the Executive Finance Council, as has been explained before. When asked to which of the two Councils Anders had been appointed, McCleary said: "Well, that's what we don't know right now. That's what we are going to clarify next week. I'm not saying right now."

Yet Anders on Friday of last week revealed that he had received a letter from the Finance Director for the DNC a few days after his Washington visit. In the letter, Finance Director Hope Boonshaft, one of the DNC spokespersons quoted in the Bandy story, welcomed Anders to the Executive Finance Council. Osceola obtained a copy of the letter on Monday of this week and confirmed the Anders statement.

The letter, dated March 18th (two days after Anders was in Washington), says in part: "As Finance Director of the Democratic National Committee I would like to welcome you to the Executive Committee of the National Finance Council." It is signed, Hope Boonshaft.

Wallace Hyde was contacted again on Friday of last week and he also said there would be a statement forthcoming by Wednesday of this week. When it was explained to Hyde that his story didn't

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"(In South Carolina democracy means)...that the lowliest individual in the community has the same right as the highest to pursue his personal sonofabitchery to the point of rebellion, so long as it does not violate the customs of the state."

—Robert Sherrill, *Gothic Politics in the Deep South*

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jibe with the one McCleary told in terms of which council Anders had been appointed to, Hyde said: "What is happening to him right now, in my opinion, and talked to him (McCleary) tonight, is simply that party protocol is keeping him from announcing Anders as what he originally was." Hyde said that former state Sen. Richard Riley, from Greenville (head of the Carter campaign in South Carolina) and others were going up to Washington this week to discuss this matter and other things.

On Monday Osceola learned of reports that a compromise deal was going to be worked out by Dick Riley in Washington this week. Anders would be allowed to retain his original appointment, but state party leaders would be allowed to choose someone who would serve as co-chairman along with Anders. Two new names also popped into the picture, those of Jim Quackenbush, a local Columbia attorney, and Samuel J. Tenenbaum, the president of the Chatham Steel Corporation, with offices here in Columbia. Quackenbush was said to be working along with Riley to have Tenenbaum appointed as the second member of the Executive Finance Council.

While Osceola confirmed that all three were going to Washington on Tuesday, Riley and Quackenbush both denied that they knew anything about a compromise deal on the Anders appointment. Riley admitted that he had a meeting with McCleary on Tuesday morning but denied knowing what it was about, saying simply that they were just getting together as far as he knew. He said he was going to Washington to discuss issues and other South Carolina matters. "I chose not to get involved in it," Riley said, "since I wasn't involved in it from the beginning."

Quackenbush said he had been invited to go to Washington by Riley and knew nothing of any compromise deal. "Nothing was mentioned to me about the Anders thing," Quackenbush said, "and I think somebody would have told me something if that was going to be discussed. He added: "I was under the

"...He said anybody ought to realize that no one is going to sit down with Carter and discuss minute details..."

impression that this was just kind of a thank you for the campaign. A lot of people get to do this (go to Washington)."

On Wednesday when Riley returned from Washington he confirmed that the Anders situation had been discussed in the meeting with Joel McCleary on Tuesday. Riley said that he didn't discuss all the details of what had happened since Anders had first gotten the appointment. He said he didn't know what all the hoopla was about, but added he told McCleary that he thought it was great that Anders was willing to raise money for the DNC. "The only thing I told Joel McCleary," Riley said, "was as far as I was personally concerned I had no objection whatsoever to Anders raising money for the DNC and holding that position as it was explained to him. I thought they ought to appreciate the fact that he was going to get out and try to raise the money. I never had heard of people getting into a controversial position over who was going to raise money—that's a new one on me."

"That's what I indicated to him but I didn't want to get into the politics between the party officials in South Carolina and the DNC," Riley continued. "I did think that the DNC ought to contact Don Fowler and Bob McNair and discuss the political side of it with them. And he indicated he was going to do that." Riley also disclosed that Samuel Tenenbaum had been asked about raising money for the Executive Finance Council, but that he had declined "at this time."

DNC committeeman from South Carolina, Bob McNair, said on Wednesday of this week that he had been contacted by McCleary on Tuesday. "There's been a lot of confusion about what it is," McNair said referring to the Anders appointment. "And there is no appointment really when you get right

down to it. I think that needs to be clarified for Jim's benefit. I think it got blown out of perspective and as I understand it there will be a Finance Council composed of people who raise money for the party. To become a member someone has to be responsible for raising \$50,000 and when they accomplish that they become a member of the Finance Council, and that is not confined to one person (in the state)."

McNair said Anders would, in fact, be a member of the Executive Finance Council if he was able to raise the

\$50,000 and that the group would be given "some special attention." "All of this, of course, is conditioned on performance, and he would be a member of that (the Executive Finance Council). They would have breakfast (at the White House), but as I have said, somebody who wants to raise \$50,000 ought to have dinner instead of breakfast."

As of Wednesday there still had been no word out of the DNC. While there was an unmistakable uproar about the situation over the last two weeks, this week it died down into a chorus of "yea, I think that's great that Jim Anders wants to raise money for the DNC." Anders, himself, continued to decline comment on the matter choosing instead to wait on word from the DNC.

Why the big fuss was raised in the first place has never been satisfactorily explained by anyone. The story ran full circle in the period of a little over a week. Anders went from the prestigious position of a member of a special fundraising council to a volunteer fighting to raise \$50,000 so he could have breakfast at the White House. The story went from Jim Anders being pursued by the likes of Wallace Hyde and Joel McCleary to his coming forward and volunteering his services. Even though McNair says the DNC wants cash in advance before they allow

Anders to become a member of the Executive Council, Anders received a letter a few days after he was in Washington welcoming him to that very council.

The thing that really doesn't make any sense is that the state party leaders would object to anyone raising money for the DNC unless there was some ulterior motive that no one wants to admit. Once source close to the DNC said the reason they had been given was that Anders was seriously considering running for Attorney General next year and that state party people didn't want Anders to be able to use the appointment as some sort of power base.

Whatever the cause for all the uproar about Anders' appointment, you can bet there is more to it than meets the eye. For the DNC to risk throwing away a \$50,000 fundraising effort and to compromise the reputation of one of their main fundraisers in the southeast (Wallace Hyde), you know something big came down. State party leaders can sit back now and pretend that nobody was involved or cared, but the evidence suggests that somebody cared a lot.

The thing that is really remarkable about the events is that the state party leaders in South Carolina were actually johnny-come-latelies to the Carter camp, and there may lie some of the reasoning behind the lack of communication between that group and the DNC. Some of the long time Carter people have a reputation for looking less than favorably on the latecomers.

But what of Jim Anders? Is he just caught in the middle of a war between the state party leaders and the DNC or is there substantial resentment against him in political circles in South Carolina? Or did he perhaps overstate just how important the position was so as to make life uncomfortable for the Democrats in both quarters? Some people might have taken their \$50,000 pledge and said to hell with you, but for some reason Anders has chosen to sit by the phone. Maybe his loyalty will be rewarded with the appointment the DNC first gave and then took away, or, then again, may Jim Anders will end up stewing in his own juice.

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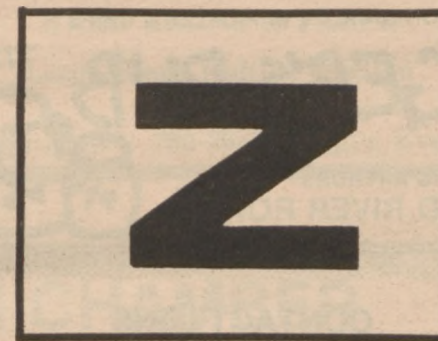
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Around April, 1974, Gregory Mills was able to obtain a loan through the Small Business Administration from Bankers Trust of South Carolina for \$150,000. Osceola has thus far been unable to obtain information from SBA concerning the current status of the loan; however, court records suggest Bankers Trust withdrew from the loan in December, 1974. Gregory Mills, Inc. was officially dissolved by forfeiture on April 1, 1977.

In the long run Gregory Mills did not fare much better than Syntic. Judgement lien records in Oconee County show more than \$30,000 worth of judgements outstanding against Gregory Mills and judgements of nearly \$40,000 including more than \$6,000 to the state, against Syntic.

While the transfers of equipment were going on between Syntic and Gregory, transfers of a different sort were occurring between Syntic and yet a third company.

Records in the Secretary of State's office show Plus Five Corporation as a real estate and retail merchandising venture. The names of the initial board of directors somehow have a familiar ring: Jack L. Hunt, Henry Kuemmerer, James H. Burgess, Andreas Greuter and William Howard Ballenger. Its principal attorney is listed as W. Wallace Gregory, Jr. - Ballenger's law partner at the time.

Beginning in the early part of 1974 Syntic began to transfer its land holdings to Plus Five. In less than three months, nearly \$250,000 worth of property was transferred from Syntic to Plus Five including the "guest house" and the Gregory Mills building, which Syntic owned.

Just 14 days after the first judgement against them in March, Syntic transferred the guesthouse and 10 acres of property to Plus Five for \$30,000.

On the day following the "guest house" transaction, Syntic transferred 38 acres of property, which it had paid \$33,000 for, to Plus Five for the sum of \$200,000. The property had been improved by the addition of the Gregory Mills building.

In January, 1974, just a month before the initial suit for judgement was filed, Syntic transferred an undeveloped 10-acre plot to Burgess for \$10,000. On the very same day Burgess, for the same price, transferred the property to Plus Five. Ballenger had sold this same piece of property, in 1969, to the original BHK group for \$13,467. The property, today, is mortgaged by Plus Five for \$30,000 even though its assessed value is only \$3,700. If you think this is getting confusing you're not alone.

"It's hard to tell who owns what in that bunch, or who's selling to who. It's difficult to get it all straight," a clerk in the county tax assessors office said.

The property transfers, occurring just before and during pending litigation, give rise to some serious questions.

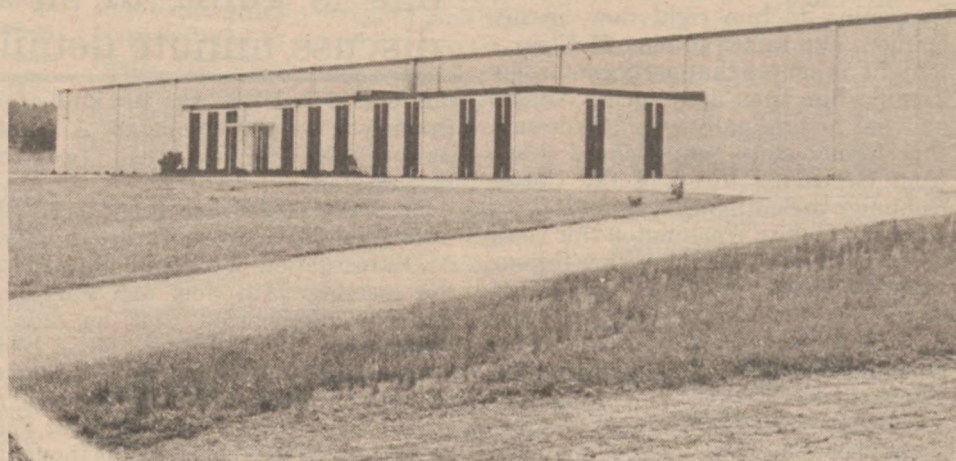
The transfers, according to one attorney, bear what is known as a "badge of fraud."

"That doesn't mean the transfers themselves were fraudulent. The thing in question is whether they were done with the intent of defrauding creditors. Of course intent of an action is a very difficult thing to prove," the attorney said.

"Those transfers could be considered fraud, or indicate the possibility of fraud, or could serve to substantiate a charge of fraud. Without the intent being established, it is difficult to determine if there was any actual wrongdoing," the attorney continued.

Another Columbia attorney held the opinion the transfers did not constitute any illegality but did bring up a question of ethics.

"Hell, people do that all the time. If the



Site of former Syntic plant

property is transferred the creditors can't get to it. It's not right, but I wouldn't say it's illegal."

Immediately following the transfers, Plus Five mortgaged each piece of property. In two of the cases, the mortgages appeared to be considerably more than the actual worth of the property. The mortgages puzzled several attorneys.

"It would be really hard to determine why the second corporation mortgaged property which it bought from the first," one Oconee County attorney said. "If the transaction involved an actual transfer of money it may have been a way to get operating capital into the failing company. Of course they (Syntic) could've just gotten a straight mortgage."

The attorney went on to explain if there was no actual cash involved, a paper sale could be a way to inject cash into the healthier Plus Five operation.

"It would also get the property out of the reach of their creditors. With the mortgage on it the creditors would be unlikely to move against Plus Five even if they could," the attorney explained.

Creditors who obtain judgements are often reluctant to force the sale of property that is heavily mortgaged. By

the time the property is sold to a high bidder and the mortgages are paid off, there may be little or nothing left for the creditors.

In light of Syntic's actions with property the corporation retained, the attorney's explanation would appear plausible.

According to Oconee county tax records Syntic retained three pieces of property after their shutdown, one of them being the 10 1/2-acre plot on which the plant is located. Another 74-acre plot near the plant was retained, as was a small lot away from the immediate area.

Syntic had already mortgaged the plant property to Pickens Savings and Loan in the latter part of 1973 - a mortgage for \$50,000 which still exists but is for only a fraction of the \$340,000 the property is assessed at.

Syntic did not mortgage the 74-acre plot until May of 1974 after the first suits were filed and just a few short weeks before the sheriff's sale of equipment. Syntic mortgaged the property for \$95,000. In October of the same year, an additional mortgage of \$75,000 was taken out on the property. The holders of the two mortgages were Plus Five and Jack L. Hunt respectively. In other words, Syntic mortgaged its property

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to another corporation involving the same stockholders, and to a director of Syntic. The two mortgages totalled \$170,000--on property assessed at \$51,600.

"That certainly is action which could be attacked in court," said one attorney who had won several judgements against the company.

"It could also be a legitimate way for the company to raise working capital to keep going," he added. While another attorney agrees this could be the case in regard to the May mortgage, he was skeptical in regard to the later mortgage.

"The mortgage taken out after the company ceased operation would certainly appear highly suspect. It may not be an attempt to evade their creditors, but I think they would have to come up with some pretty good explanations regarding it if it was challenged in court," the attorney said.

Shortly after judgements were awarded them, the South Carolina Tax Commission and the Employment Security Commission obtained warrants against Syntic, enabling them to collect the \$9,000 which the company owed state coffers. To date none of the debt has been collected, in spite of the fact the law allows any and all property and assets of the company to be attached for sale. The absence of collection appears to result from either a lack of aggressiveness on the part of state agents, or a cover-up of the company's assets.

"We usually go in and check with the county tax collector and with the clerk of court to determine what, if anything the company owns," Henry Townsend, warrant officer for the South Carolina Tax Commission said. When the company is totally devoid of assets, Townsend said, it is adjudged *Nulla Bona* -- or literally "no good." This was the determination which Townsend made on his efforts to collect on the Syntic warrant. Townsend added a note to the warrant stating the company was "closed-no assets."

"I went out there and hunted them and couldn't find them, so I *Nulla bona* ed the warrant on that basis," Townsend said. Townsend expressed surprise when informed the company still owned property, and that Oconee county records indicate Syntic is leasing the former Syntic site to Gulf States Paper Company for a figure reported to be between \$4000-\$5000 per month. Townsend was even more surprised to learn that Syntic, Inc. is not bankrupt but still listed as a corporation in good standing with the Secretary of State.

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Apparently the information that Syntic owned property, and was not bankrupt, piqued Townsend's curiosity. Shortly following his conversation with Osceola Townsend requested copies of the warrants from the Tax Commission's Columbia office. Contacted later, Townsend said he was planning on "looking into" the matter further.

It's apparent state officials rely heavily on information provided by local officials such as the sheriff, clerk of court and tax collector. In order to insure the accuracy of the information, the parties must be impartial; an attitude which is difficult to hold toward Howard Ballenger in Oconee County.

"I think most people would agree that Ballenger is the most powerful man in the county. It'd be difficult to get someone to stand up to him," a county newspaper reporter said.

No one can say for sure the reason inaccurate information was passed on to the tax commission by Oconee County sheriff Myron Green and tax collector John Fowler, but there is no doubt they were remiss in their investigating of the company's finances.

"Well the company went bust so I just figured they didn't have anything worth selling. I mean if it ain't there you can't get it, now can you?" Green said.

Fowler said he "assumed" the company had no assets available since they had ceased operating.

"You know if they had anything they wouldn't have gone out of business, would they?"

It was the kind of logic which has apparently left the creditors holding the bag for three years.

While state officials were making an unsuccessful attempt to collect, attorneys in the private sector were not faring much better. Clyde O. Ackerman, a Walterboro attorney, said he had been under the impression the company had folded and left no assets when his clients were awarded several judgements.

"This had always been my information. That the company had no assets or property," Ackerman said.

While the judgements were sitting gathering dust Ballenger was campaigning for one of the newly created circuit judgeships. In July, shortly before the appointments were made, a dinner was held to rally support for his candidacy. The guest list read like a who's who in upstate politics. In attendance were the legislative delegations of at least two counties, the current circuit solicitor and most of the Oconee County Council. It was, as one political observer put it, "a little like asking Democrats to rally in support of Jimmy Carter."

The observer was not far from wrong. Ballenger's senate days assured him of strong support among members of the

General Assembly, who elect judges. His position on the Senate Judiciary Committee was also a plus in his favor. The judicial screening process, which came under considerable fire last year, displayed its best open mesh.

SLED, charged with performing background investigations on all candidates, either missed the judgements against Ballenger, via Syntic, or uncovered the judgements and made a report on them. If the existence of the judgements was known it apparently made little impression on the judicial screening committee. Ballenger's appointment passed with a nod. Since the SLED reports and the screening committee questionnaires are shielded from public view it is impossible to determine if any mention of Ballenger's involvement with Syntic was made in any of the pre-appointment procedures.

A source familiar with the confidential information gathered during last year's screening of circuit judgeship candidates said he didn't think "anything in the records would disqualify" Ballenger. But several individuals privy to the process of candidate screening say there were no clearcut guidelines as to what constituted "disqualification."

Reporters covering last year's public hearings conducted by the joint House-Senate screening committee were virtually unanimous in their opinion that the screening of judgeship candidates, as well as other legislative appointees, was perfunctory at best.

In a column on the screening procedures, former AP capitol reporter Rob Wood wrote that the committees "have listened to the praise for each candidate and have ruled that each and every one of them are qualified to serve. There hasn't been a single rejection, and there won't be as the hearings continue through the session. Why reject a candidate when most of the legislators

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have already made up their minds who to vote for and have given their pledges and pay no heed to the testimony presented?"

Ballenger did file an affidavit with the screening committee, which is in the public record, but it amounted to a little more than a biographical outline. No mention was made of his involvement with Syntric or the judgements.

In contrast, an affidavit filed by another candidate contained the following statement regarding his finances: "I am in sound financial condition and owe no debts. I own no stocks or bonds except a (county bond)." The candidate named the one corporation in which he was a director.

Ballenger, in contrast, did not name his involvements with Gregory Mills, Plus Five, or his directorship and stock ownership in Syntric, nor did he publicly mention the Syntric and Gregory Mills debts.

The omission, of course, was not anything illegal or unethical under current law.

"I think it (the existence of the judgements against a corporation in which a judge was involved) would tend to reflect adversely on a circuit judge," Jim Fields, Director of Research and Administration of the Senate Judiciary committee, said. Fields is involved in this year's screening of candidates for newly-created family court judgeships.

Robert R. Carpenter, chairman of the Judicial Nominating Committee of the South Carolina Bar Association,

speaking in general terms, said he was "inclined to think it would tend to tarnish a (candidate for) circuit judge."

"I don't think it would necessarily disqualify him, but I think it's something that ought to be taken into consideration," Carpenter added.

While the subject of Syntric did not come up during public hearings, it may have come up during an executive session of the judicial screening committee. Ballenger says it did, and that the matter presented no obstacles.

"I don't have any judgements against me, friend," Ballenger said this week.

"...It was the kind of logic which has apparently left the creditors holding the bag for three years..."

While Ballenger, personally, does not have any judgements against him, the corporations with which he was involved do indeed have judgements against them. Syntric, in which Ballenger served as secretary-treasurer and was a major stockholder, has 16 judgements, 14 of which are unsatisfied, lodged against it. Gregory Mills has eight judgements, all of which are unsatisfied, lodged against it. The judgements total nearly \$75,000, including nearly \$9,000 awarded to the state of South Carolina. In addition, Ballenger, as an individual, has been named in a suit by Manufacturer's Hanover Credit Corp. seeking another \$30,000.

Ballenger again found himself involved with Syntric while reviewing the docket for a term of Common Pleas

court in January, 1977. At that time a bar meeting was being held in chambers to purge the docket of long-pending cases. During the session, Ballenger struck two of the pending cases against Syntric. It was an action which may have bordered on judicial misconduct.

Canon 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct reads a judge shall disqualify from any proceeding in which "he served as lawyer in the matter in controversy, or a lawyer with whom he previously practiced law served during such association as a lawyer concerning the matter."

The Canon goes on to state a judge shall disqualify himself in any matter in which "he knows that he, individually or as a fiduciary...has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding, or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceedings."

In one of the cases, Ballenger's former law partner W. Wallace Gregory served as attorney for the defendant, Syntric. In the second, Ballenger himself was the original attorney of record for the defendant, and in both cases it could be considered Ballenger, as fiduciary, had "a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy."

The cases were struck under a provision of the Circuit Court rules called Rule 82. Acting South Carolina Court Administrator Edmund Atwater III explained Rule 82 was a way of streamlining court dockets and provides for the elimination of cases which have appeared on the docket for six terms of court without being brought to trial.

Atwater said the matter is discretionary with the judge and he or the clerk of court strikes the case from the calendar book.

Ballenger denied having made the Rule 82 decisions on the cases, even

though his initials are on both of the strikes. "I haven't ruled anything! I haven't ruled them. I wouldn't have ruled them anyway if it involved anything where I might have been an owner or a stockholder. I wouldn't have ruled on it," Ballenger said.

In spite of Ballenger's contentions, the two cases are marked, "Strike Rule 82" and initialled "WHB."

Oconee County Clerk of Court Roy D. Harden said the strikes were made during a docket clearing session and were made while Ballenger was presiding and in Ballenger's presence.

"It looks like my writing there where it says 'Strike Rule 82 1/7/77'—and he initialled it," Harden said.

Harden said it was not necessary for a judge to initial the Rule 82 strike, but said Ballenger "was just sitting there. I think maybe I asked him to."

When Atwater was asked, in general, if a judge personally involved in a case should "Rule 82" the case he responded, "No, he should disqualify himself."

"Even if he does nothing but 'Rule 82' it?" Atwater was asked.

"Yes."

Atwater added that it would be up to the recently-created S.C. Judicial Standards Commission to consider if any action by a judge constituted a violation of the code of judicial conduct. The Commission was established by the S.C. Supreme Court in October, 1976, and is made up of judges and members of the state bar. The Commission investigates allegations and makes recommendations to the Supreme Court.

Ballenger was almost prophetic regarding the embarrassing questions raised by his relationship with Syntric when he told an interviewer shortly after his judgeship appointment, "In public life your life is out there in public: if there's anything bad there it will come out."

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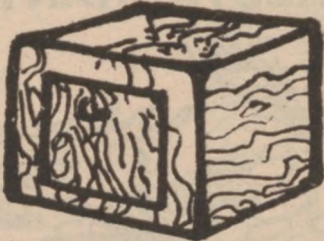
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Legal Notices

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Allun L. Twitty, aka, Allen L. Twitty, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Lucille S. Twitty,
Administratrix
c/o Charles E. Baker, Atty.
P.O. Box 11848
Columbia, S.C. 29211
Columbia, S.C.
April 7, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Thomas E. Blackmon, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Odell Burgess Smith,
Executrix
c/o Sarah G. McCrory,
Attorney
1225 Washington St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 7, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Bernice Burgess Blackmon, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Odell Burgess Smith,
Administratrix
c/o Sarah G. McCrory,
Attorney
1225 Washington St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 7, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Ella Mason Lipka, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Francis W. Peloquin, Sr.,
Executor
332 Tamentosa Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29209
Columbia, S.C.
April 7, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Odie L. Ussery, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Gene H. Ussery, Executrix
c/o Irvine F. Belser, Jr.,
Attorney
P.O. Box 12014
Columbia, S.C. 29211
Columbia, S.C.
April 6, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Laney Talbert, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Catherine Power Talbert,
Executrix
c/o Frank A. Graham, Jr.,
Attorney
707 Security Federal Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 6, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Ida Reeves James, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Mary Reeves Jenkins,
Administratrix
Route 1, Box 634
Columbia, S.C. 29203
Columbia, S.C.
April 6, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of John Boyles, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Julia Boyles,
Administratrix
c/o Michael A. Pulliam,
Attorney
1213 Washington St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 5, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Ellison M. Smith, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Ellison M. Smith, Jr.,
Executor
c/o J. Lewis Cromer,
Attorney
P.O. Box 11675
Columbia, S.C. 29211
Columbia, S.C.
April 5, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that C & S National Bank, Guardian of the estate of Michael Norman Safran, Minor, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Guardian; and that the 9th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 7, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Julia J. Reese, Administratrix of the estate of Simon Reese, Deceased, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Administratrix; and that the 6th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 6, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Margaret Harrison and R.M. Harrison, Sr., Executors of the estate of Mae McLaughlin Bryant, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executors; and that the 6th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 6, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Nathaniel P. Capers, Administrator of the estate of Fred Peterson, Deceased, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Administrator; and that the 11th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 11, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Rosalie H. Richardson, Executrix of the estate of Orrie L. Richardson, Deceased, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 11th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 11, 1977
5/6

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Walter Roger Carlson, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Janice L. Carlson,
Executrix
c/o Lee & Suggs, Attys.
1225 Washington Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 7, 1977
4/29

SUMMONS State of South Carolina County of Richland IN THE COUNTY COURT

Wilbert R. Noil,
Petitioner,
-vs-
Florine Jones Noil,
Respondent.

TO: FLORINE JONES NOIL,
RESPONDENT ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Petition in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscriber at 2016 1/2 Green Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within twenty (20) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of service. If you do not answer the Petition within this period of time, the Petitioner will ask the Court to grant the relief requested in his Petition.

EDNA SMITH PRIMUS
Attorney for Petitioner
NOTICE

TO: THE ABOVE RESPONDENT:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the original Summons and Petition for Annulment were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County, Columbia, South Carolina, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

EDNA SMITH PRIMUS
Attorney for Petitioner
March 31, 1977
Columbia, S.C.
4/29

SUMMONS State of South Carolina County of Richland IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT

Richard William Jack,
Petitioner,
vs.

Josephine Emma Jack, and Don Uriah Thomas, Jr.; and Mark Sonny Grondin, Mary Margaret Thomas and Donna Miranda Thomas, minors under the age of fourteen (14) years,

Respondents.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition hereto attached and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Petition on the subscriber at 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the Petition.

NICHOLAS P. SIPE
Attorney for Petitioner
Columbia, S.C.
February 23, 1977

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons in the above-entitled matter, of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Petition, were duly filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County on the 1st day of March, 1977.

NICHOLAS P. SIPE
Attorney for Petitioner
Columbia, S.C.
February 23, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Barbara J. Motley Guardian of the estate of Sallie Ann Jameson, Minor has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Guardian; and that the 5th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 5, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that C & S National Bank Executor of the estate of Asa C. Edens, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executor; and that the 5th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 5, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Thomas D. Murtiashaw desires to resign as one of the Executors

of the estate of Bessie H. Murtiashaw, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executor; and that the 5th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 5, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Muriel C. Newman, Executrix of the estate of Oliver Perry Newman, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 4th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 4, 1977
5/6

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that C & S National Bank Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Douglas Josey, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executor; and that the 5th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 5, 1977
5/6

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Emma L. Hall has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Benjamin Long deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 28th day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 11th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Trudy Watts has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Catherine Jacobs Middleton deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 22nd day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 7th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS James B. Scoggins has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Emma Mae Scoggins deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 21st day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 6th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Dorothy Prevost Bates Executrix of the estate of Harry Glenmore Bates, Deceased, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 6th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
April 6, 1977
5/6

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Frances Padgett John has applied to me for Letters of Administration CTA on the estate of Floyd J. Padgett deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 21st day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 6th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Joe N. Swanger has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Steven Neal Swanger deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 19th day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 4th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Ruby Williams has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Mary Frances Robinson deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 19th day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 4th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Laura S. Baker has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the estate of Wilbert Bryant Baker deceased:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at Columbia, S.C., on the 22nd day of April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 7th day of April, A.D. 1977.
A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
4/22

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Bible Belt. (Frankly, I like New York girls best ... girls who knock on your door and ask if they can stay the night; girls who have a healthy disdain for the small cat-and-mouse hypocrisies of many a Southern Belle. Such girls know the difference between what it means to be sexually liberated and what it means to be a "slut," for the latter term merely refers to a woman who uses sex cheaply.

You see, there is a great difference between a sexually free woman and what one calls a whore. In our society, sex is couched in terms of whoredom. By its standards, the prettier a girl, the less likely she is to sleep around. That is, her price is high, and sure enough, she marries a man who promises riches. But a sexually sophisticated woman doesn't sleep with a man because he happens to be the highest bidder, because he can give her the best price, whether that means dinner and a movie, or marriage. No, she realizes that prostitution is prostitution, no matter what one calls it. Instead, she sleeps with a man (or another woman) because she wants to, purely and simply. To her it's not a transaction, but an act of pleasure and love, or maybe just pleasure. And with this knowledge, she is free.

Ah, but back to the matter at hand, which is the art of cunnilingus. So I recommend it to you. If you have never done it before, try it the next chance you get, and try it with an open mind, ready to taste the existential flavors of female intimacy. And if you are already an aficionado, then be cheered by the news of the Kahn Report, that women love cunnilingus as much as you do, and more.

Legal Notices

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Carl H. David, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Eugene S. David, Administrator
c/o D.M. Winter, Jr., Atty.
1901 Assembly Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Sadie L. McClellan, aka Sadie Lucian McClellan, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Ruby Smith, Executrix
c/o Ben N. Miller, III, Atty.
P.O. Box 58
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
April 4, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Essie Mae P. Daniels, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Joseph Lewie Daniels, Executor
c/o Wise & Shealy, Attys.
Barringer Building
Columbia, S.C.
Columbia, S.C.
April 4, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Richard Dolle, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Caroline T. Dolle, Executrix
7403 Patricia Dr.
Columbia, S.C. 29209
Columbia, S.C.
April 4, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Evelyn S. Lambert, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Robert D. Lambert, Jr., Administrator
c/o Charlie Davis, Atty.
703 Security Federal Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 4, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of John Benjamin Staton, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Minnie J. Staton, Executrix
c/o Brian L. Beger, Atty.
P.O. Box 11675
Columbia, S.C. 29211
Columbia, S.C.
April 12, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Robert Arnold Small, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Martha Ware Small, Executrix
c/o Julius W. McKay, Atty.
P.O. Drawer 447
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
April 12, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Mary C. Harrell, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

James R. Harrell, Executor
c/o H. Dave Whitener, Jr., Attorney
1336 Washington St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
April 11, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Beverly Garrick, Sr., deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Lillie Mae Garrick, Administratrix
c/o Johnson, Toal & Battiste, Attorneys
P.O. Box 1431
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
April 11, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Marquerite W. Bruton, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

David A. Bruton, Jr., Executor
113 Lincoln Inn Road
Columbia, S.C. 29210
Columbia, S.C.
April 11, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Josie House, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

George W. House, Executor
c/o Robert H. Burnside, Attorney
P.O. Box 1516
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
April 12, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Annie Mae Shirah, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Willie R. Shirah, Administrator
c/o Seigler, Seigler & Earle, Attorneys
1735 St. Julian Place
Columbia, S.C. 29204
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Stella Hortense Robinson Sharpe, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Howard O. Sharpe, Sr., Executor
c/o William K. Easterling, Attorney
1412 Bull Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of James Lanier Bell, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Pauline S. Bell, Executrix
315 S. Woodrow Street
Columbia, S.C. 29205
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Frank Earl Eleazer, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Robert S. Eleazer, Executor
c/o Walter S. Monteith, Attorney
609 Security Federal Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
March 25, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Nina Hettie A. Rowell, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Annie Mae Edge Bashor, Executrix
802 15th Avenue
Conway, S.C. 29526
Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Olean A. Willbanks, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Sara W. Davis and Juanita W. Dodson, Executrices
1114 Glen Oak Road
Columbia, S.C. 29210
Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Daisy F. Counts, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Vivian Counts, Administratrix
c/o Johnson, Toal & Battiste, Attorneys
P.O. Box 1431
Columbia, S.C.
Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Laurel McNeill Easterling Manheim, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Carlisle Mills Manheim, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Manheim Lominick, Administrators,
c/o Allen E. Fulmer, Attorney
1419 Bull St.
P.O. Box 1548
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
March 31st, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Marjorie W. Nelson, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Herbert C. Nelson, Sr., Administrator
80 Guernsey Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29203
Columbia, S.C.
March 31st, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Philip R. Claytor, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Frances R. Claytor, Executrix
c/o E.M. Singletary, Atty
P.O. Box 11895
Columbia, S.C.
Columbia, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Mencie P. Reeder, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Jesse Scott, Executor
c/o Brian F. Beger, Atty
1225 Pickens Street
Columbia, S.C.
Columbia, S.C.
March 28, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Augustus Waite Fulmer, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the under-

signed, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Elizabeth Adams Fulmer, Executrix
Route 1, Box 93B
Blythewood, S.C. 29016
Columbia, S.C.
March 28, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Betsy Hoffman Seegars, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

James Joseph Seegars, Executor
126 Cardiff
Columbia, S.C. 29209
Columbia, S.C.
March 28, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of J.C. Clyde, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Zenobia Clyde, Administratrix
c/o Robert E. Moseley, Atty
2126 Devine Street
Columbia, S.C. 29205
Columbia, S.C.
March 29, 1977
4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Sandra K. Finley, Executrix of the estate of Cecil J. Finley, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 2nd day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for this hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Mary Wingfield Chase, Executrix of the estate of John A. Chase, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 4th day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Robert E. Stutts, Executor of the estate of Russell G. Tiffany, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executor; and that the 25th day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 25, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth K. Bowen, Executrix of the estate of Frank Sayles Bowen, Jr., Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 2nd day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Sandra Martin, Executrix of the estate of Agnes T. Elkins, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 29th day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 29, 1977
4/29

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Benjamin Rubinowitz, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same,

duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

A.M. Robinson, Executor
c/o Callison, Tighe, Nauful & Rush, Attys.
P.O. Box 1209
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
March 30, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Ruth Ann Fulmer, formerly Ruth Ann Fulmer Hinnant, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Forrest L. Fulmer, Executor
Route 1, Box 32-A
Pomaria, S.C. 29126
Columbia, S.C.
March 30, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Lindner Charles Hoefer, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Williametta Lincoln Hoefer, Executrix
3123 Quitman Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29204
Columbia, S.C.
March 29, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Therin Earl Guinn, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Mattie Browder Guinn, Executrix
c/o Seigler, Seigler & Earle, Attys
1735 St. Julian Place
Columbia, S.C. 29204
Columbia, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Bernice Harrell, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Lillie W. Harrell, Executrix
c/o Lee and Suggs, Attys
1225 Washington Street
Columbia, S.C.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
Columbia, S.C.
March 30th, 1977
4/22

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Janet Lemmon Hardin, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Frank D. Hardin, Sr., Administrator
6573 Queensway Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29209
Columbia, S.C.
March 30th, 1977
4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Irene Scott Gilland, Executrix of the estate of Irene Adger Scott, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 2nd day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Alberta G. McKinney, Executrix of the estate of James L. McKinney, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 2nd day of May 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 31, 1977
4/29

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Walter B. Todd, Jr., Committee of the estate of Christine Gillespie, NCM has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Committee; and that the 22nd day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Barbara E. Austin, Executrix of the estate of Leomiah Hope, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executrix; and that the 21st day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 21, 1977
4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that David W. Robinson, Executor of the estate of James Zach Craig, Deceased has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such Executor; and that the 21st day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office has been appointed for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.
March 21, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Wiley Moreland Braziel (W.M. Braziel), deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Claudia Breazeale Braziel, Executrix
306 S. Maple Street
Columbia, S.C. 29205
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of William J. Lever, Sr., deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Elizabeth S. Lever, Executrix
5420 Knoll Road
Columbia, S.C. 29203
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Eula Dukes Fairey, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Vernon Lee Fairey, Executrix
2500 Stratford Road
Columbia, S.C. 29204
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Leila M. West, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Jane H. Jervy, Executrix
c/o Thomas T. Moore, Atty.
P.O. Box 944
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
March 16, 1977
4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Marilyn Alicia Sanders, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

Elizabeth M. Sanders, Administratrix
c/o William C. Ouzts, Atty.
P.O. Box 574
Columbia, S.C. 29202
Columbia, S.C.
March 22, 1977
4/15

Legal Notices

CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate
Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Joseph R. Taylor
has applied to me for Letters of
Administration on the estate of
Bertha Taylor deceased;

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to
cite and admonish all and
singular the kindred and
creditors of the said deceased to
be and appear before me at
Columbia, S.C. on the 14th day of
April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to
show cause, if any, why the said
administration should not be
granted.

GIVEN under my hand and the
seal of said Court, this 31st day of
March, A.D. 1977

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

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CITATION

The State of South Carolina
Richland County
IN THE COURT OF PROBATE
BY A. RAY HINNANT, Probate
Judge, Richland County

WHEREAS Lottie G. Spencer
has applied to me for Letters of
Administration on the estate of
Doctor E. Spencer deceased;

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to
cite and admonish all and
singular the kindred and
creditors of the said deceased to
be and appear before me at
Columbia, S.C., on the 12th day of
April 1977 at 10 o'clock A.M., to
show cause, if any, why the said
administration should not be
granted.

GIVEN under my hand the seal
of said Court, this 28th day of
March, A.D. 1977

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge,
Richland County, S.C.

4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims
against the estate of Clayton Ray
Smith, deceased, are hereby
notified to file the same, duly
verified, with the undersigned,
and those indebted to said estate
will please make payment
likewise.

Mary Louise Smith,
Executrix
c/o William K. Easterling,
Attorney
1412 Bull St., Suite B
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977

4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims
against the estate of Thelma C.
Davis, deceased, are hereby
notified to file the same, duly
verified, with the undersigned,
and those indebted to said estate
will please make payment
likewise.

Charles D. Davis, Executor
703 Security Federal
Building
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977

4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims
against the estate of Eugene
Adams, deceased, are hereby
notified to file the same, duly
verified, with the undersigned,
and those indebted to said estate
will please make payment
likewise.

Mark E. Adams, Executor
1009 Denton Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29203

Columbia, S.C.
March 23, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Lonnie C. Hill, Jr., Adminis-
trator of the estate of Lonnie
Clinton Hill, Deceased has this
day made application unto me for
a final discharge as such Execu-
trix; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M.,
at my office has been appointed
for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Pelham Jones, Jr., Executor of
the estate of Pelham Jones,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Executor; and

that the 22nd day of April 1977,
at 10 o'clock A.M., at my office
has been appointed for the
hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 22, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Judith Greenberg Litman,
Executrix of the estate of Samuel
Litman, Deceased has this day
made application unto me for a
final discharge as such Execu-
trix; and that the 22nd day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M.,
at my office has been appointed
for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 22, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Rachel Lowman, Administratrix
of the estate of Robert Lowman,
Deceased, has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Administra-
trix; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M.,
at my office has been appointed
for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 24, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that P.M.
Childress, Executor of the estate
of Hugh E. Marshall, Deceased
has this day made application
unto me for a final discharge as
such Executor; and that the 21st
day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock
A.M., at my office has been
appointed for the hearing of said
petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 21, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Jennie Kate Watts, Executrix of
the estate of Dennis Marion
Watts, Deceased has this day
made application unto me for a
final discharge as such Execu-
trix; and that the 21st day of April
1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my
office has been appointed for the
hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 21, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Hazel
G. Stokes, Administratrix of the
estate of James Frazier Stokes,
Deceased, has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Administra-
trix; and that the 21st day of April
1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my
office has been appointed for the
hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 21, 1977

4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims
against the estate of James
Victor Morris aka J.V. Morris
deceased, are hereby notified to
file the same, duly verified, with
he undersigned, and those
indebted to said estate will please
make payment likewise.

Louis Morris,
Administratrix, CTA
c/o Dallas D. Ball, Atty.
1412 Barnwell Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977

4/15

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims
against the estate of Joseph A.
Kramer, deceased, are hereby
notified to file the same, duly
verified, with the undersigned,
and those indebted to said estate
will please make payment
likewise.

Anna L. Kramer, Executrix
c/o Thomas H. Timberlake,
Jr., Attorney
P.O. Box 11252
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Columbia, S.C.
March 24, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Mary
M. Lilliewood, Executrix of the
estate of Eugene N. Lilliewood,

Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Executrix; and
that the 25th day of April 1977, at
10 o'clock A.M., at my office has
been appointed for the hearing of
said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 24, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
William O. Onley, Jr., Executor of
the estate of Marie Lillian Onley,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Executor; and
that the 18th day of April 1977, at
10 o'clock A.M., at my office has
been appointed for the hearing of
said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 18, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Dorothy C. Williams, Guardian of
the estate of John E. Brisby,
Minor has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Guardian; and
that the 25th day of April 1977, at
10 o'clock A.M., at my office has
been appointed for the hearing of
said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 24, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
George W. Sulton, Administrator
of the estate of Robert Lee
Sulton, Deceased has this day
made application unto me for a
final discharge as such Adminis-
trator; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at
my office has been appointed for
the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 25, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Clyde
B. Blackburn, Committee of the
estate of Bruce McMeekin
Blackburn, NCM has this day
made application unto me for a
final discharge as such Commit-
tee; and that the 25th day of April
1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my
office has been appointed for the
hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 25, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Sue J.
Barnes, Administratrix CTA of
the estate of Virginia B. Janes,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Administra-
trix; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at
my office has been appointed for
the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Sue J.
Barnes, Administratrix CTA
DBN of the estate of Milo Janes,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Administra-
trix; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at
my office has been appointed for
the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Floyd
G. Sease, Executor of the estate
of Nordi D. Sease, Deceased has
this day made application unto
me for a final discharge as such
Executor; and that the 25th day
of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M.,
at my office has been appointed
for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 25, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Lil
Sanders Duncan, Executrix of
the estate of Daniel T. Duncan,
Deceased, has this day made

application unto me for a final
discharge as such Executrix; and
that the 25th day of April 1977, at
10 o'clock A.M., at my office has
been appointed for the hearing of
said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that David
A. Fedor, Administrator of the
estate of Mary O. Siokos,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Administrator;
and that the 25th day of April
1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at my
office has been appointed for the
hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Ruth
M. Reynolds, Administratrix of
the estate of Sinclair R.
Reynolds, Deceased has this day
made application unto me for a
final discharge as such Adminis-
trix; and that the 25th day of
April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M., at
my office has been appointed for
the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 23, 1977

4/22

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Pierce Bowling, Executor of the
estate of Oliver Ward, Deceased
has this day made application
unto me for a final discharge as
such Executor; and that the 18th
day of April 1977, at 10 o'clock
A.M., at my office has been
appointed for the hearing of said
petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 18, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Sarah
B. DeLoach, Executrix of the
estate of Charles DeLoach, Sr.,
Deceased has this day made
application unto me for a final
discharge as such Executrix; and
that the 18th day of April 1977, at
10 o'clock A.M., at my office has
been appointed for the hearing of
said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 18, 1977

4/15

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that
Murdoch Mellette Williams,
Executrix of the estate of John
Flawn Williams, Deceased has
this day made application unto
me for a final discharge as such
Executrix; and that the 18th day
of April 1977, at 10 o'clock A.M.,
at my office has been appointed
for the hearing of said petition.

A. RAY HINNANT
Probate Judge
Richland County, S.C.

March 18, 1977

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NOTICE

State of South Carolina
County of Richland
IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT

Frank T. Hammond, Plaintiff,

-vs-

Betty M. Hammond, Defendant.

TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE
NAMED: BETTY M. HAMMOND:

TAKE NOTICE that the
Summons in the above entitled
action of which the foregoing is a
copy, together with the
Complaint herein was filed in the
Office of the Clerk of Court for
Richland County on the 22nd day
of March, 1977, the object and
prayer of which is to obtain a
divorce, a vinculo matrimonii.

KNEECE, KNEECE AND
FREEMAN
Attorney for Plaintiff

Columbia, S.C.
March 18, 1977

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SUMMONS

State of South Carolina
County of Richland
IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT

Frank T. Hammond, Plaintiff,

-vs-

Betty M. Hammond, Defendant.

TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE
TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE
NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-
MONED and required to answer
the Complaint in the above
entitled action, a copy of which is
hereby served upon you, and to
serve your answer to the said
Complaint upon the subscribers
at their offices, 1338 Pickens
Street, Columbia, South Caro-
lina, within twenty (20) days
after the service hereof; and if
you fail to answer the Complaint
within the time aforesaid, the
Plaintiff in this action will apply
to the Court for the relief
demanded in the said Complaint.

KNEECE, KNEECE, &
FREEMAN
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

Columbia, S.C.
February 1, 1977

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Women only...?

Remember The Revolution? Once upon a time a bunch of us thought it was going to save America, someday, sweeping across the country united the oppressed, toppling the powerful, and creating an equitable society with liberty and justice for all. For a while, true believers organized and theorized and dreamed, mutually supportive in the Herculean task of preparing for the changes to come.

But somehow it never happend, certainly not on the

scale anticipated. Gradually most of the collective political energy dissipated into everyone's personal trips; those who weren't absorbed into the mainstream developed their own private alternatives. Leading radicals entered conventional politics, or pursued spirituality; even rock music, once so much a part of the youth rebellion, became an institution in itself, with the American Dream as well ensconced there as in any other business.

But here and there small groups of people continued to work at what they realized must be the slow, obstacle-ridden process of building a revolution. There are those who still evaluate their activities in terms of the projected impact on the unbalanced access to privilege and power. The feminist collective Olivia Records was initially created with such political considerations in mind, specifically to develop an accessible musical aspect of women's culture, too much of which has traditionally been confined to such mediums as kitchens and private journals. The Olivia women have chosen to work with women only, concentrating on learning the skills that have been easily available only to men for a long, long, time.

In keeping with the collective's aim of developing a women-oriented music, Olivia artists on tour perform for as many female audiences as possible. This focus on women has resulted in a stink being raised in more than one locale, — when Olivia singer-songwriter Teresa Trull was to play in Columbia recently, the idea of a women-only concert was met with an uproar of disapproval. (The last concert

sponsored by the same local producers was open to men and women.) Charges of reverse discrimination were bandied about freely. Some women were distressed at the exclusion of their male friends; men who had previously shown no interest in feminist music seemed to find the topic suddenly tantalizing. The result was a male-centered and unnecessary dichotomy between women who related primarily to men and those who were women-oriented. Other men, bless them, supported the whole idea, and helped by providing childcare at what turned out to be an open concert attended only by women. Most infuriating of all were those men, comfortably enmeshed in the sexist and male-defined popular music industry, who were outraged that they should not be welcome at a musical event where women were the central figures.

If the power relationship between men and women were equal, the accusation of reverse discrimination might carry some weight. But as anyone with eyes or ears or a mind must be aware, men as a class still dominate and control this country. For an oppressed class such as blacks or women to struggle together to define their

own culture is difficult enough without the presence of an individual who could symbolize their oppression. I doubt if too many men would have difficulty in understanding how a white person could be highly unwelcome at a black home where everyone was watching Roots. Male intrusion into an attempt by women to share their own space, no matter how well-intentioned the man, can disrupt the intimacy and empathy the women are trying to build among themselves.

Teresa Trull's concert was not mind-blowingly good. Her voice is strong and bluesy, but limited in its expressiveness. The financial difficulties of serving on the vanguard of a whole new mode of music kept her act down to herself and an acoustic guitar, which restricted songs that had been originally written with several instruments. On her album *The Ways a Woman Can Be* her songs are much richened and enhanced by a variety of horns, percussion, and guitars. But as is true for all the women of Olivia, Trull's political goals of truly equal access to power are an integral part of her songs, her performances, and her life.

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